

4 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 12 update

It is wonderful to see Year 12 settling so well into life in Sixth Form. We are hearing many positive stories from subject teachers and form tutors about their positivity and engagement, which is always so lovely to hear. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for helping to keep your child(ren) motivated and engaged with their KS5 studies during their first week of Sixth Form. Many students, and parents too, find the transition to A-Level study challenging and our students would not be as successful without your support.

Open Evening

Thursday 24 October sees our Open Evening event for current Year 11 students. We would ask that as many Year 12 students are available on this evening to help show students around, talk to parents and students about their courses and be on hand to answer any questions. Please keep this date in the diary and expect further details to follow through your child(ren). The event runs from 5.00-8.00pm.

Year 12 Registration Fees

When students accepted their offer to study with us, we informed them via our offer letter that the registration fees for year 12 would be £80, and in year 13 this will be £70.

This registration fee includes a team building workshop which happened on the 25 September, a £30 photocopying allowance and other incidental expenditure such as Future Choices material. <u>This fee is due on or before 31 October</u> and as we are a cashless school, all payments should be made via Parentpay at www.parentpay.com using your unique login and password. You are not obliged to make this contribution, but if insufficient funds are received, it is likely that certain events/provisions will not go ahead.

If you would prefer to pay by cash please request a barcoded letter from the finance department (tel: 01403 787200 ext 223 or email finance@theweald.org.uk). You will then be able to take the letter to your local PayPoint retailer, where you can pay by cash. We are unable to accept cash or cheques at school.

When making this payment you are also confirming your general consent for your child to attend events organised by the 6th Form for students in Year 12. We will of course always advise you of these events in advance.

16-19 Bursary Fund

We do not want any student to be prevented from continuing their education in the Sixth Form as a result of financial concerns. If a student is concerned about how to meet the cost of transport, equipment necessary for their courses and/or trips and other subject related activities then they should consider applying for the Bursary. All information provided regarding the Bursary will be treated in the strictest confidence. We are aware that people's circumstances change during the course of the academic year and so we accept applications for the Bursary at any point during the year. If you would like to apply for the bursary, please let us know by contacting <u>sixthformoffice@theweald.org.uk</u>

Yours faithfully,

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